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#### **US v. Figueroa-Figueroa, No. 13-1690**

Sentence for convictions of numerous Puerto Rico and, under federal law, being a felon in possession of a firearm, 18 U.S.C. sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), is affirmed where the district court properly imposed an 87-month term of imprisonment to run consecutively to his previously imposed 12-year sentence on the commonwealth charge.

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#### **US v. Arroyo-Maldonado, No. 13-2137**

Sentence for conviction of fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. sections 1344(1) and (2) and 1349, is affirmed over defendant's challenges to the reasonableness of his above Guidelines sentence of one hundred and twenty months of imprisonment.

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#### **US v. Quinones-Melendez, No. 14-1369**

Conviction and sentence for unlawfully possessing a machinegun, 18 U.S.C. section 922(o), unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon, section 922(g)(1), and aiding and abetting another individual in the unlawful possession of automatic firearms, section 922(o), are affirmed where the prosecution did not breach its plea agreements with defendant and the sentence the District Court imposed was neither procedurally nor substantively unreasonable.

Labor & Employment Law

#### **National Labor Relations Bd. v. Le Fort Enterprises, Inc., No. 14-1917**

In a petition to enforce the NLRB's order directing employer-defendant to bargain with its employee's elected exclusive collective-bargaining representative, the Board's petition is granted where defendant failed to satisfy its burden to show that the Board abused its discretion in concluding that the election was not so pervaded with fear and coercion as to render a free choice impossible.

Bankruptcy Law

#### **Sauer, Inc. v. Lawson, No. 14-2058**

In an adversary proceeding objecting to the discharge of a debt owed by debtor that she allegedly obtained as part of a fraudulent scheme to prevent appellant from collecting a previous judgment from her father, the bankruptcy court's dismissal for failure to state a claim is vacated where a

debt that is not dischargeable in Chapter 13 bankruptcy as a debt for money or property "obtained by . . . actual fraud" extends beyond debts incurred through fraudulent misrepresentations to also include debts incurred as a result of knowingly accepting a fraudulent conveyance that the transferee knew was intended to hinder the transferor's creditors.